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PLUMAS COUNTY COUPLE INDICTED FOR GROWING
220 LARGE MARIJUANA PLANTS

SACRAMENTO-- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott and Plumas County Sheriff Terry Bergstrand announced today that a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment charging JEFFRE SEAN SANDERSON, age 25, and ALICE JEAN WIEGAND, age 28, both of Twain, located in Plumas County, California, with conspiracy to manufacture marijuana and manufacturing marijuana. If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for each offense is imprisonment for 40 years, with a mandatory minimum sentence of imprisonment for 5 years, together with a \$2,000,000 fine and supervised release.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Plumas County Sheriff and the Sacramento Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Robert M. Twiss, who is prosecuting the case, court records and the indictment allege that SANDERSON and WIEGAND were engaged in manufacturing 220 or more marijuana plants when officers and agents executed search warrants on August 14, 2006.

According to Plumas County Sheriff Terry Bergstrand, "Marijuana is a widespread problem throughout the state of California, and this indictment demonstrates joint federal, state and local efforts to eradicate the growing problem presented by cultivation of marijuana, particularly in rural areas of the state."

The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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